

FAQS About Candidates

How do I file for office?

During the time the candidate filing period is open, persons seeking elected office (City Council or School Board) shall file a Declaration of Candidacy with the City Clerk's office.

If I am running on a seat on the City Council or School Board, do I have to file a Declaration of Candidacy for a specific seat?

Yes. A candidate for office must file a Declaration of Candidacy for the specific seat they are seeking. No person may file for more than one seat within the same office. If the candidate chooses to run for a different seat, a new Declaration of Candidacy for the new seat must be filed and the original withdrawn.

Can I run for a seat on the City Council and the School Board simultaneously?

Yes. A candidate can file for office on both the City Council and the School Board. There is no state law that prevents people from holding both offices. The Council can pass an ordinance that limits people to holding one office, if it chooses. In Alaska, there are several cities in the unorganized borough that operate their own school districts and elect both city councils and school boards.

Can I file for candidacy via fax?

No. The Declaration of Candidacy form shall be submitted to the City Clerk in original form and shall not be submitted by fax or electronically.

How do I withdraw from candidacy?

A candidate may withdraw through the last day for filing declarations, by submitting a written notice of withdrawal, signed by the candidate, with the City Clerk.

How will I know if my Declaration of Candidacy form has been accepted?

When a Declaration of Candidacy form is filed with the City Clerk, the City Clerk will conduct a preliminary review. The candidates will be notified in writing if they qualify as a candidate.

Are elected officials compensated for their service?

City Council and Mayor are not compensated for attending regular or special Council meetings. However, the Members do receive a \$50 per diem to cover meals and incidental expenses for preapproved business travel for the City of Dillingham.